

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Tex., Feb. 15th 1897.

Hon. Lewis H. Frazee, Mayor, presiding.
Roll called:

Aldermen Haynes, Hahn, Maddox, Miller, Miltzow, Platt, Price,
Reed, Thorneau, Warden, Whaley, and Kumpf 12
Alermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Holt, Lawless, Linn, Rosengren,
Taylor, Townsend and Teller 10

On motion the minutes were approved as printed without reading.
Cidemen Hobson, Rosengren, Townsend, Teller, Beatty and Taylor entered
the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Communication from Board of Equalization: The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Board of Equalization regarding an assessment of a tract of land lot No. 3, division Z, the homestead of Dr. C. H. D. Moot, by which it was assessed for more than adjoining property, and recommending that the assessment be reduced to the amount of \$600.

Read and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Alderman Reed, Petition of C. A. Bush, asking that an account in his favor for \$30.00 for work done at the Dam Park be paid.

On motion the petitioned claim was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Communication from Geo. A. Brush regarding a Building not Fire-proof: The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Geo. A. Brush, calling attention to a certain building which had been erected near his store within the fire limits, which is not fire proof, and on account of which he had been notified by the Insurance Company that his rate of insurance had been advanced, and asking that said building be made fire proof or removed.

Read and referred to Fire Committee.

Cidemen Fischer and Lawless entered the Council Chamber

The Mayor then read his annual report for the year 1896.

The report was referred to the Printing Committee with instructions to ascertain the probable cost of printing the reports of the Mayor and other City Officers in pamphlet form, and a recommendation as to the number of copies to be printed.

Alderman Belvin entered the Council Chamber.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following special message:

Austin, Tex., Feb. 15th 1897.
Mayor's Office,

Sir the Hon. City Council:

Gentlemen, I have the honor herewith to call
to your attention several matters of consequence to the Water & Light
Plant.

For months past I, together with the special committee appointed
for that purpose, the Water & Light Committee, the Superintendent
and the City Attorney, have made strenuous efforts, by correspondence
and personal interview, to adjust the matters in dispute between
Mr. C. H. D. Moot, President of the City Water & Light
Company, and Mr. A. H. Miller, Vice President of the same.

Mayo's Special Message

of the Company.

On the side of the City it may be said, as has been reported to you by Superintendent Patterson, that the Pumps sold to the City by the Company, have never been capable of doing the work required of them by the contract, that they are at present broken and practically useless, and that there are defects in the cylinders which existed when the Pumps left the factory. On the side of the Company, it is claimed that the Pumps were built and furnished in strict accordance with the plans and specifications of the City Engineer Mr. S. J. Sammis, that they have at all times supplied new pieces in place of defective pieces when required of them under the contract, and that if the Pumps were not such as required by the City, it was the fault of the City or its Engineer and not of the Company.

The most thoughtful investigation on my part leads me to the conclusion that the Company is in the wrong and that if it were practicable to litigate the matter the City might force the Company to furnish Pumps which would comply with our interpretation of the contract or refund the greater part of the money paid on account of them.

This litigation however, would have to take place in Chicago, the City would have to employ Council there, and would be under the disadvantage of having to present its evidence in the shape of depositions or of sending its Superintendent and other Officers & Employees to Chicago to testify in person. In view of these disadvantages it is my opinion that it is to the best interest of the City to compromise the matter. After much correspondence and discussion the Company has offered, through its representative, Mr. D. A. Acer to release its claim for the balance of the contract price, amounting to about \$1600.00, and to pay the City \$50.00 in cash, the City to deliver them the Pumps F.O.B. the car in Austin.

This would entail a loss on the City of about \$3000.00. In view of the facts that the Pumps are worthless to the City, and that we could litigate over claims against the Company only at such a disadvantage as to practically preclude this method of redress I recommend that the matter be compromised by accepting the above proposition. The City Attorney and the Water Light Committee join with me in making this recommendation.

After examining all available sites on the bank of the Colorado River for the proposed new Pumping Station, the Superintendent with the approval of the Water Right Committee and myself, determined upon land belonging to Mrs. Laura P. Deval, one block west of Crockett Street as the most favorable three lots here, which are ample for the purpose, are offered to the City for \$1000.00, and I recommend the appropriation of the money necessary for its purchase. Superintendent Patterson has since an experimental filtering canal or gallery in the sand bank opposite this proposed site, and has demonstrated beyond question that an ample supply of pure water is to be obtained at it.

Afterwards we bid you various errands, Dr. Peacock and Mr. Patterson
and Mr. Edwards & Co. delivered us letters from Dr. C. S. Cooper, in Boston, & by him
Dr. H. never answered, while Mr. Edwards & Co. would not, & one day after our arrival
would not, & Dr. C. S. Cooper, who was all the while most anxious, & sent us
no letters, and would not let us know if he had received ours.

Mayors Special Message be provided with out-board bearings in place of the present overhanging pulley. The price of the two new dynamos is \$818. from which \$125.00 will be deducted to enable the City to make the proposed change in the pulley of the old dynamo. Asst. Engineer also recommends the purchase from the Dillworth River and Smithville Co., for \$700.00 of one double 1000 h.p. turbine wheel. He is also ready to ask for bids for the construction of the new Pumping Station and the completion of the filtering tank.

In all these suggestions he has the concurrence of the Water Light Committee and I myself and others urge recommend the passage of resolutions putting them into effect.

I have much pleasure in reporting to you that since your last meeting the City has won the suit in the Federal District Court in which the Austin Water Light and Power Company sought to recover some \$19,000.00 on an alleged contract with the City. The Court sustained the City's demurrer, thereby holding the alleged contract void. The City was ably represented by the City Attorney, and by Mr. J. P. Fisher, who gave his valuable services without compensation, and who rendered material assistance in the trial of the case.

I have also to call your attention the suit of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, vs. the City, now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States in Washington. Mr. J. P. Fisher was employed to represent the City in this case under a contract in substance as follows:

A payment of \$500.00 in cash (which has been paid) and a further payment of \$500.00 in case the City was successful; and in case his personal attendance in Washington was deemed necessary, his expenses to be borne by the City. This case will come up in a few months, and is of supreme importance to the City, involving, as it does, the very life of the Water Light Plant, and it is considered essential, by the City Attorney, and by me, that Mr. Fisher should visit Washington to present the City's case in person. Mr. Fisher, who has given much time and labor to the preparation of the case, is of the same opinion though his personal interests may suffer thereby. He offers to go as soon as notified, and to accept the sum of \$50.00 in full settlement of his expenses, whether he shall lose by it or not. I consider this a fair and satisfactory arrangement, and therefore recommend that Mr. Fisher be authorized to proceed to Washington when his presence there shall be needed, and that the Council appropriate out of the Earnings Fund the sum of \$50.00 for his expenses.

It is my duty to call your attention the expenditures for the current year on account of what may be called miscellaneous items, so that you may become aware how necessary it is to exercise economy in the General Revenue departments.

So far they have been as follows:

P. S. & the Election Officers	153.53
Clerk in A & C office	300.00
Telephone Rent	4.00
Ground for C. L. Park	4.00
Gasoline	7.00
Station, Gasoline and repair	4.00
100 lbs of soap	3.00

Mayors Special Message

Long Hens and cartridges.	7.45
Judgment and costs of Red Case.	37.75
18 cent Billie Hist. Court	734.11
2 Tons Coal	17.00
Telephone message	1.50
Balance due from Oberold	70.00
Surge fees	1.00
1800 ft. Fire Hose	1700.00
Account fire department	17.50
" Cemetery	53.00
Cars & Hotel Bills	136.40
Cars Lost Gasoline	50.00
Total	\$ 2880.74

The amount allowed in the Budget for Miscellaneous expenditures was \$3000.00 which as is seen from the above is already nearly exhausted. We may fairly assume that our expenditures on miscellaneous account for the balance of the fiscal year will be \$500.00, which, added to the budget adopted at the last meeting would bring the total to \$6,843.51.

The Revenue was estimated at \$2,779.00, which would leave a balance of \$3,385.58, applicable to street work. But we have already spent on account of street work \$194.55 which leaves a balance of \$1191.03 for the balance of the year, an amount which will hardly feed and shoe the teams.

Respectfully,
Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

Reports of Committees:

Mr. S. Lewis report on Gold. Alderman Fischer, for the Water & Light Committee presented a report his proposition of compromise, stating that the Gold Company proposed as a compromise of the matter of difference between the City and said Company on account of Pumps furnished the City, to release the City from all claims for balance and to pay into the City Treasury \$850. provided the City will deliver to the Company the Pumps that were furnished by the Company free on board the cars at Austin, and recommending that the proposition be accepted. Alderman Lawless moved to adopt the report of the Committee.

Lost by the following vote:

Yea: Aldermen Fischer, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Powell, ^{Reddy} Shelley and Taylor. n.
Nays: Aldermen Beatty, Elwin, Haynes, Horton, Huhn, Kitzscher, Robertson, Rosengraw, Schneider, Stumpf, Townsend and Gilbert. 17.

Alderman Maddox moved to refer the report to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Horton, Schneider and the City Attorney, which motion prevailed.

Mr. S. Lewis report on water Alderman Fischer, for the Water & Light Committee, presented a report of Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co. stating that the case is the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company v. S. W. S. S. The City. No. 1 pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, will soon be tried for consideration, and the Committee desired it advisable to have the City represented in this action, and that the City Attorney be retained to represent the City. It is resolved, therefore, that Alderman Fischer, Mr. S. S. S. be retained to represent the City in this action, and that his services be paid at the rate of \$100 per day.

W. L. Lewis report on New Pumping Station: Alderman Fischer also presented a report from the Water Light Committee in regard to the Pumping Station; also recommending the purchase of certain ground, the purchase of ground being upon which to put the station, and that \$1000. be appropriated to pay for same.

The report was adopted.

Street Com report on Street Com report on Alderman Fisher, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred a resolution in resolution in regard to work regarding to work on West Sixth Street, presented their report, recommending that the on East 6th St. new curb be built, the roadbed having already been worked by the City teams.

The report was adopted.

Street Com report on Pet. of Alderman Fisher, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of A. P. Woodbridge et al., for permission to widen the sidewalk along south side of block 122, in the 6th, presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted.

The report was adopted.

Street Com report on Pet. of Alderman Fisher, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition Citizens on W. 10th Street, & Citizens of West Sixth Street asking for correct lines and for certain Avenue.

grading on said street, presented a report stating that the correct lines have been furnished by the City Engineer and recommending that the grading be done by contract, and that the City Engineer be directed to give an estimate of the cost of grading and report at the next regular meeting of the Council. Alderman Powell moved to table the report. Lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Miller, Powell, Ridd, Schneider and Townsend 5.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kahn, Lawless, ^{Maddox} Fischer, Platt, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Gilker 16.

The report of the Committee was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Haynes, Kahn, Lawless, ^{Maddox} Fischer, Platt, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Gilker 11.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Horton, ^{Maddox} Miller, Powell, Ridd, Robertson, Schneider and Townsend 10.

Police Com report on Alderman Powell for the Police Committee to whom was referred the City Marshal's report for the month of January, presented a report, stating that they had been examined and found correct.

The report was adopted.

Printing Com report on Alderman Haynes for the Printing Committee, presented a report submitting bids for newspaper printing for the fiscal year, and recommending that the contract be awarded to G. W. Mendell, Jr., of the State Democrat, upon execution of proper bond.

Alderman Fischer moved to adopt the report.

Alderman Rosengren moved to defer action until the next regular meeting. Lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Lawless, ^{Maddox} Fischer, Rosengren, Taylor & Gilker 7.

Nays Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Miller, ^{Maddox} Fischer, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend 14.

Alderman Ridd moved to adopt the report, and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with G. W. Mendell, Jr., which motion carried.

Res. to, in regard to the U. S. Government Bond on the Spanish Boundary, Alderman Brown (read) and C. W. Scott who is Clerk of County Commissioner Court and agent,

in regard to reflooring same to pay over half the cost of reflooring bridge, provided that it did not cost the County more than \$1,750., and that the County be allowed the old lumber now in said bridge, and recommending that the City Engineer be directed to join a. Engineer to be appointed by said Court in examining the condition of said bridge and to report to the City Council at its next meeting.

The report of the Committee was adopted by the following vote:

Yea's Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilmer 17.
Nay's None.

Unfinished Business.

Ord. repealing an Ord. erect. The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance repealing an ordinance making Division of Bridge Keeper creating the position of Bridge-keeper.

The motion, further consideration of the ordinance was postponed until the matter of reflooring the bridge was settled.

Ord. abolishing the Office of The Mayor. The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance abolishing the office of City Auditor, which was read second time; and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yea's Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau and Shelley 17.
Nay's Aldermen Haynes, Nitschke, Platt, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilmer 9.

Ord. amending Art. 40 Chapt. 3, Title 1 of Revised Civil Chapter 2 Title 1 of the Revised Civil Ordinances.

The ordinance was read second time.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend by adding the following:

Sec. - That any member being absent from any regular meeting shall be fined in the sum of \$5.

Alderman Beatty moved to table the amendment, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yea's Aldermen Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Stumpf, and Townsend 17.
Nay's Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Kuhn, Lawless, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Taylor and Gilmer 9.

New Business.

Alderman Maddox moved that when the Council adjourn it do so until Thursday evening, February 18th at 8 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

Ord. Appropriating \$1000. By Alderman Fischer, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000. out of the Revenue Land lot No. 10 of the Water & Light Fund to purchase land for a Pumping Station.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea's Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilmer 21.
Nay's None.

C. & W. Mining Co. to the City of... \$15,000.00, and a reorganization of \$15,000.00 to the
City of... for the purpose of combining the City of... with the City of...

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules 18, January 18, 1891.

Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21
Nays None.

Ord. Appropriating \$ 1761.¹⁶ to pay Approved Accts Contingent Earnings Fund to pay approved accounts.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21.
Nays None.

Ord. Appropriating \$ 150. to pay Contingent Expenses of Earnings Fund to pay Contingent expenses of the Water Light Plant.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21.
Nays None.

Ord. Appropriating \$ 250. to pay By Alderman Fischer, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 250. out of the Expenses of D.R. Fischer to Water Light Fund to pay expenses of D.R. Fischer, Esq., in representing the Washington & L. in our Mutual City in the United States Supreme Court at Washington, D. C.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21.
Nays None.

By Alderman Platt, Resolution directing the City Marshal to remove all obstructions on East Sixth Street in front of Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Division A.
Alderman Taylor moved to refer to the Street Committee with power to act. So voted.
The resolution was then adopted.

On motion Alderman Lawless was excused.

Alderman Townsend, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following ordinances:

Ord. appropriating \$ 1605.⁸⁷ to pay Approved Accts
An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1605.87 to pay approved accounts.
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20.
Nays None.

Ord. Appropriating \$ 3005.⁵⁶ An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 3005.56 to pay Salaries of Officers to pay Salaries of Officers and employees for the month of February, 1905.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20.
Nays None.

Ord. Appropriating \$ 1000.00 to pay Salaries of Officers and employees for the month of March, 1905.

of the rules by the following vote:

Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Shull, Maddox, Miller, Kirschner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shumpf, Townsend and Gilkes' 1^o.

May Aldermen Roberdeau, Shelley and Taylor 3.

By Alderman Gilkes, A resolution stating that one of the City's miles was unfit for future service, and is hereby condemned and instructing the Superintendent of Streets to dispose of him at once. Adopted.

By Alderman Kirschner, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$600. to pay salaries of Teamsters and Sanitary drivers.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Shull, Maddox, Miller, Kirschner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Shumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Gilkes. 30.

Nays None.

On Appropriating the sum of \$150. to pay
\$150. to pay Extra Street Laborers. By Alderman Kirschner, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150. to pay Extra Street laborers.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Dear Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Norton, Shull, Maddox, Miller, Kirschner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Shumpf, Townsend and Gilkes. 19.

Nays Alderman Taylor.

Resolution asking W.L. Dept. to furnish Council estimate of Light Plant to furnish the Council with an estimate of the cost of the cost of new pumping station. By Alderman Schneider, Resolution requesting the Superintendent of the Water & Light Plant to furnish the Council with an estimate of the cost of the Pumping Station. Adopted.

Communication from Trustees of Colorado Hose Co. & Hook & Ladder Company calling attention to the condition of the roof of the Fire Hall of these Companies.

The resolution was referred to the Fire Committee.

Alderman Kirschner moved that the Superintendent of the Water & Light Plant be instructed to run a water pipe and electric light wire to, and connect with, the North Austin Fire Hall. Adopted.

The following report was inadvertently omitted from insertion on page 59 where it should properly appear under head of Committee Reports. Alderman Fischer, for the Water & Light Committee presented the following report and recommendations, which were read and adopted.

Austin, Texas, February 15th 1897.

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen: Your Water & Light Committee bags have certain recommendations to submit the following report and recommendations:

Regarding W.L. Plant. On regard to the new pumping station we will say that an experimental hole 30 feet long and 10 feet wide has been dug on the Sand Branch at the foot of Crockett Street to determine the amount of ditch necessary to supply the City with your million gallons of water per day.

The flow into this hole has varied from 100 to 600 gallons per minute or from 5,76,000 to 864,000, gallons per 24 hours. From these figures it would appear that about six inches of water ditch will be required to supply the City of over 100,000 people and 1000 buildings.

This will require a depth of 10 feet and a width of 10 feet.

W. L. Lewis report. wherein be authorized to advertise for and receive bids for the construction of recommendations regarding this ditch.

W. L. Lewis

Relating to the management of the Power House and Electrical machine made necessary by the construction of the new Pumping Station, it is my opinion that two new power generators will be needed, taking the present 180 K.W. power generator at the Power Station and using it as a motor to drive the Stilwell-Bierce & Smith-Vaile pump located in the new pumping station. Bids were asked for and received from the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N.Y. and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company of Pittsburg, Pa. with the following results:

The General Electric Company bid for two 250 K.W. triphase generators, free on board cars at Schenectady, with all necessary switch board instruments, exciters &c., for \$818.68, or \$17.65 per K.W.
The Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company bid for two 275 K.W. machines for \$545.00 or \$19.00 per K.W. or two 300 K.W. machines at \$1080.00 or \$18.00 per K.W.

We therefore recommend that the contract be given to the General Electric Company for the two 250 K.W. machines.

In regard to the Power house it would appear advisable to buy a new Water Wheel and a piece of shafting necessary to transmit the power of this wheel. These changes can be made without interference with our present service.

Bids have been asked for and received for 1000 to 1700 H.P. wheels as follows:

The Stilwell-Bierce & Smith-Vaile Co. of Dayton, Ohio, 1 pair 27 inch wheels which will develop 1700 horse power under 60 foot head for the sum of \$770.00, F.O.B. Dayton Ohio.

The Rodney Hunt Manufacturing Company Orange, Mass., 1 pair of 30 inch new pattern water wheels which will develop about the same horse power as the Stilwell-Bierce & Smith-Vaile Co. for \$2000.00 F.O.B. cars Orange, Mass.

The Dayton Block Iron Works, of Dayton, Ohio, 1 pair of 27 1/2 inch wheels which will develop 1700 horse power for the sum of \$300.00 F.O.B. cars at Dayton.

As most of our wheels at present in the Power Station as well as the large pumps are from the Stilwell-Bierce & Smith Vaile Company we recommend that the contract be given to said Company.

We have found water in sufficient quantity to warrant the purchase by the City of the land at the foot of Crockett Street belonging to the Albal estate, and we recommend that an appropriation of \$1000.00 be made out of the Water & Light Fund for the purchase of said land and that authority be given for said purchase.

In connection with this matter we would report that plans and specifications have been prepared for the new Pump house and we will recommend that it be intended to authorise to advertise and receive bids for the erection of same.

Approved, W. L. Lewis, A.S.C.

Francis Fisher

P. G. Lawless

G. W. Maddox

Watervliet Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned until 8 o'clock Thursday, February 18, 1897.

Geo. A. Johnson

City Clerk.

Minutes of an adjourned Regular meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present, Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Maddox, Titche, Platt, Powell,
Robardian, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 17
Absent, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Miller,
Padd, Rosengren, and Tinker 10.

Alderman Robardian moved a call of the Council, which was seconded.
Roll called

Absent, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Miller,
Padd, and Tinker 6.

Alderman Shelley moved to excuse Alderman Linn, which motion
prevailed.

Aldermen Fischer, Kuhn and Lawless entered the Council Chamber
and answered to their names.

Reconsideration of res. had app'd. Alderman Haynes moved to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution
King resolution regarding Wagon offered by Alderman Platt instructing the City Marshall to remove all
obstructions on East Sixth street, in front of lots Nos. 1 and 2, Block
1 division A, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Maddox moved to suspend the call of the Council. Carried.

Alderman Haynes moved that the resolution of Alderman Platt be re-
ferred to a special committee of three, which motion prevailed and
the Mayor appointed as the special Committee Aldermen Haynes,
Lawless and Stumpf.

Verbal report by James Printing Com. on Cost of Printing Officers
Reports for 1896

Alderman Haynes for the Printing Committee, made a verbal report
as to the cost of printing the reports of the City Officers for 1896.
On motion of Alderman Shelley 500 copies of the report were ordered.

Alderman Townsend moved that the Council now proceed to the Con-
sideration of the Colorado Bridge matter. Carried.

The report of the City Engineer in regard to the condition of the bridge
was read, showing said bridge to be in an unsafe and dangerous condition.

Alderman Maddox moved that the report be received and filed. Carried.

The proposition of the Commissioners Court of Travis County in regard
to repairs on the bridge was then read.

Alderman Robardian moved to reject the proposition.

Alderman Horton entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Lawless moved as a substitute for the motion of Alderman
Robardian, that the proposition be accepted.

Alderman Maddox moved to amend the substitute by adding "with
the understanding that in future the County bear one-half of the
expense of keeping the bridge in repair."

The amendment of Alderman Maddox was lost by the following vote:
Aldermen Belvin, Maddox, Powell, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley and Stumpf
against Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Miller,
Platt, Padd, Rosengren, and Townsend 11.

The substitut. of Alderman Lawless was then voted upon and car-
ried.

Colorado River Bridge matter. Mess Aldermen Lawless and Rosengren
 Vtays Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Nitschke, Platt,
 Powell, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 11
 Alderman Belvin moved to reconsider the vote on Alderman Lawless'
 substitute. Lost.

Alderman Shelley offered as a substitute for the motion of Alderman
 Roberdeau that the special committee appointed to confer with the Com-
 missioners Court be requested to call upon the Court and ascertain if they
 were willing to contribute the sum of \$1750. to refloor the bridge, without
 regard to the amount it would cost.

Alderman Roberdeau moved the previous question on the substitute,
 and the original motion.

The substitute of Alderman Shelley was lost.

The vote was then taken on the motion of Alderman Roberdeau, and
 was lost by the following vote:

Mess Aldermen Fischer, Haynes, Platt, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor and
 Townsend 9

Vtays Aldermen Belvin, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Nitschke, Powell
 Rosengren, Shelley and Stumpf 10

Alderman Taylor moved that the matter be referred back to the
 Special Committee, and that the City Attorney be added to the Committee.

Entire motion referred to City Attorney Alderman Maddox moved as a Substitute that the matter be referred
 to the City Attorney with instructions to see the Commissioners
 Court, and find out the best that can be done.

The substitute was adopted, and the motion as amended was then
 adopted.

On motion of Alderman Roberdeau the Council adjourned

Jno. C. Johnson
 City Clerk.